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The Honorable André Bauer
President of the Senate
State House, 1st Floor, East Wing
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Mr. President and Members of the Senate:

I am hereby returning without my approval S. 1213, R-324, an Act:

TO AMEND ACT 1201 OF 1968, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE LEXINGTON COUNTY RECREATION COMMISSION, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROHIBITION THAT A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION SHALL NOT SERVE MORE THAN TWO CONSECUTIVE TERMS.

I am vetoing this act based on my belief in the benefits of term limits for public offices. Term limits are an effective way to bring new people and perspectives into a debate, whether it is to a recreation commission or one of the many other boards and commissions that direct the agencies and policies of this state.

This bill runs contrary to that idea, and for this reason, I am returning S. 1213, R-324 to you without my signature.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford", is written over a horizontal line.

Mark Sanford